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This paper is regularly mailed to its subscribers until a definite order to discontinue is received and the subscription paid in full to the time the order is given.

The report of the Superintendent of Education of Mississippi give some interesting facts upon the question of public education in that state which may be studied with profit by persons interested. The report shows that 403,647 children are enrolled in all the schools of the state and of this number 192,881 are white and 210,766 are colored. While the colored pupils exceed the white pupils 17,885, and under ordinary circumstances would require the larger number of teachers, but instead of this there are 5,524 white teachers and only 3,398 colored teachers or 2,126 more white teachers to teach 192,881 white pupils than there are colored teachers to teach 210,766 colored pupils. There is the same difference in the per capita as in the number of teachers, the amount per capita to each white pupil in the state is \$17.82, while that of each colored pupil is \$5.94. The average pay of the white teachers was \$89.64 per month, while that of the colored teacher was \$46.66. The per capita is based upon the number actually enrolled and not the number of children of school age in a given district. From this report it is readily seen that the white pupil has the advantage both in the number of teachers and in the character of the teachers and under these conditions there is certainly no reason for the restrictive measures adopted in that state to retard the progress of its colored citizens, for everything else being equal there is absolutely no opportunity for competition.

DESPITE the difficulties placed in the way of the progress of the race in the South there is occasionally a ray of hope seen in the acts and expressions of men who lead and direct to a large extent public sentiment. The disposition to break up the peonage system which has grown up out of the peculiar conditions which obtain in some sections is one of the most encouraging signs of the times. The punishment of those who practice it has not always been severe but the sentiments of Judge Speer and Judge Jones, both Southerners, who have presided during these trials, has done much to bring the system into disfavor and to emphasize the fact that the strong arm of the law will and must protect weak and defenseless citizens. Besides this the duty of the intelligent, wealthy and strong to assist in the good work of uplifting the ignorant, poor and weak has been given prominence which must bear good fruit in the future. There are some in both races who will see no good in these things but the thoughtful and earnest observer will find here and there a ray of hope and take fresh courage for the contest for right, justice and equity.

THE best evidence that gambling is being openly carried on in this city is the fact that a member of the Board of Safety has offered a resolu-

tion instructing the Chief of Police to enforce the law on that subject. This resolution was not voted upon however and legal steps have been taken to have the resolution spread upon the records of the Board. There can be no doubt of the facts recited as the places have been named and indicated in the most positive way. No class of people are suffering more from the evil consequences of this gaming habit than the colored people and it will be a great blessing if it can be suppressed. Years ago there were only a few such places conducted in this city by members of the race but now there are many and few of the young of either sex escape the temptations and allurements of these places of vice.

This is the season of the year when we usually make our best efforts to enlarge our subscription list and when we look to our friends for their best help. Our paper is now nearing the close of its twenty-fifth volume and for nearly a quarter of a century, it has stood as the defender of the principles of our great denomination and the rights of the race. Our subscription list in all these years has been steadily increasing but it is far from being what it ought to be and in order to materially increase it we have decided to give the paper free for November and December to those who will send their subscriptions directly to this office. In other words if you will send us \$1.25, we will send the paper until Jan. 1, 1905. Sample papers are being mailed every week to a number of friends and the reception of the paper is an invitation to become a regular subscriber. Those who are subscribers may help us by calling attention to this offer and saying a good word for the paper. TF.

The outlook for the coming session of the State Teachers Association in this city this month is very encouraging and the largest attendance in the history of that body is assured. The presence of distinguished educators from other states is promised and a most interesting programme has been arranged. The friends of education and those interested in the uplifting of the people should give aid to this movement and not only attend the session of the Association but assist in making the stay of the visitors in our city pleasant and agreeable. Wherever the Association meets the people have extended genuine Kentucky hospitality to its members and Louisville should be no exception to the rule.

There is a splendid reform necessary in the work of the National Baptist Convention. We can not point out that reform without being charged with the desire to boss; therefore we will not be specific. The common people, the uncomplicated followers, sometimes have a day in court, and sometimes that awful day does surely come. There's going to be a reckoning and readjusting when the reactionary period sets in.—National Baptist Union.

## A Visit to Indiana

A few weeks ago I made a visit to Vincennes and Washington, Ind. to see two of my daughters and their families who reside in those places. I was also invited to visit Mitchell Ind. by Rev. M. M. Porter, the popular pastor, of the church there. I found the church to be in a good condition and Bro. Porter to be an earnest and successful pastor. He has the confidence of the people of the community and lives in the hearts of his members. He is indeed the leader in that section for they call for him far and near to advise, counsel, and preach. Well nothing else could be expected of him as he is a graduate of State University and was trained by Dr. C. L. Purcell that prince of preachers. I enjoyed my stay in all the places and the good people have my thanks for kindness shown me. D. A. GADDIE. Louisville, Ky.

## NEWS AND NOTES.

Rev. R. H. C. Mitchell who recently resigned at Harrodsburg, Ky., to accept a call to Chicago has decided to return to Kentucky and accept the call to the pastorate of the Clay Street Baptist Church, Shelbyville.

The State Board of Election Commissioners met in Frankfort, Ky. last Monday and canvassed the returns from the Eleventh Congressional District. The certificate was awarded to Dr. W. G. Hunter and it is thought this will end the contest.

By an agreement of the Baptist Pastors Conference of Richmond, Va., the pastors of every Baptist church in that city and vicinity exchanged pulpits last Sunday morning.

Our subscribers who are in arrears will do us a great favor and assist us materially if they will send the amount due on their subscription to this office. Read the label on your paper.

Dr. Alford C. Morton one of the best known physicians in Eastern Kentucky died in Mt. Sterling, Thanksgiving Day. His remains were brought to this city his former home where they were interred last Tuesday.

The Post Office Department has issued a fraud order against the Ex-Slave Pension Association which will prevent that organization from imposing upon misguided people who have been led to believe that it is possible to secure pensions from the Government.

The Tuskegee Institute football team on Thanksgiving Day, by a score of 5 to 0 defeated the Fisk University eleven on the Tuskegee Institute grounds. The Fisk representatives have been regarded for many years as the unbeaten colored team of the country. Not less than 2,000 people were in attendance.

Young people for next year offers a feast of fat things for Baptist homes and Sunday schools. The American Baptist Publication Society publishes no better paper. In deed it is doubtful whether its equal can be found elsewhere. Its serial and short stories are of the best. Several new departments have been added which make it still more interesting and useful. Send for sample copies.

The call for educated Negro men who have made a special study of theoretical and practical Agriculture is more pressing than the supply. The demand for such men comes from all parts of the United States and from several foreign countries. The Agricultural Department of the common school or college courses. We hope that a large number of such persons will enter this department at Tuskegee this fall. For information as to expenses, etc., apply to President Booker T. Washington, Tuskegee, Alabama. TF.

The Citizens' Sunday Forum of Wyandotte County, Kansas City, Kansas is said to be the largest culture and civic society in the state having an active membership of about 500 persons. In the sixth semi annual meeting held recently the following officers were elected: John J. Thomas, president; Mr. O. B. Johnson, Miss Sarah Chinn and Prof. J. R. Harrison vice presidents; Misses R. M. Thompson, Annette Scott and Minnie Jackson secretaries; Mrs. G. A. Giffith, treasurer; Hon. C. Patterson chaplain. The Forum meets the 2nd and 4th Sabbath in the Metropolitan Baptist Church.

A man in the pulpit posing as a gospel minister and will not pay his

just debts! The thought is astonishing! How can he preach that says "Owe no man," when he himself has gotten in other's debt and makes no effort to pay what he owes? Such so-called preachers are nothing but thieves who not only steal the earnings of others, but worst of all they rob Christianity of its power and influence. No one wants to listen to a preacher who owes him a bill and makes no effort to pay him. The most powerful and effective sermon a minister can preach is to pay his just debts.—The Torch Light.

## UNIVERSITY NOTES.

S. U. Rab, r.h. rab, rab, S. U. Rab, r.h. rab, rab, Hurrah! Hurrah! State University, rab, rab, rab.

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Revs. Wm. Johnson and Chas. Fishback were pleasant visitors at the University Tuesday. The remarks of the latter was well received. The response by brother Brent was good.

The Nov. Rally will have its report in chapel next Tuesday.

We want one thousand dollars in this Rally, but we will be thankful for what we get.

Thanksgiving was well observed last week.

Dr. Purcell preached at Fifth St. church for Rev. Dr. Frank on Thanksgiving day.

Rev. Dr. Frank visited Berean last Sunday evening. Dr. Purcell invited him to address or lecture the school next Thursday morning.

Miss Belle C. Simmons, our former Bible teacher writes that she is enjoying the delightful climate of California. She will spend the winter at Bostonia, San Diego co., Cal. She would be glad to have her friends write her at that address.

Examinations are over for the first term. Some are happy, some are sad.

We have now entered upon the work of the second term.

Dr. Purcell and Berean choir went to the school of Reform last Sunday afternoon by special request. The Dr. addressed the body of students and officials, and the choir rendered the music.

The Rally promises to be a success, then let all do something for it by next Tuesday.

Prof. Hawkins made a flying trip to Versailles Monday.

The Literary Society elected some of its officers last Friday night.

Miss Lula Brown and Mr. W. H. King visited us last Tuesday and made pleasant and encouraging remarks.

The Rally clubs are giving entertainments in all sections of the city. The young men and women are determined to have success next Tuesday. Let all friends help them.

Mr. W. R. Dudley and Mr. Jones of Georgetown visited us last week and addressed the school. Their addresses were well received. Chairman Steward happened to be present and responded nicely to the addresses.

Dr. Purcell preached at Berean last Sunday.

Deacon Haley and family were present Sunday evening.

Some of our boys took Thanksgiving for Christmas.

The Ekron Baptist church, Rev. E. M. Jones, pastor, sent a nice barrel of potatoes, cabbage, turnips hominy, walnuts and such good things to us Thanksgiving, for which we are thankful to the pastor and his good people.

Rev. S. E. Smith sent us a nice turkey. He has our best thanks.

Soon Christmas will be here and our friends are reminded that gifts are always in order.

## PEOPLE AND

## PLEASANT EVENTS.

Miss Alice L. Dortch was elected book-keeper of the latest Negro business corporation, The Louisville Black Smith & Wagon Builders Co., 920 9th Street.

The Board of Directors of the Colored Orphans Home will meet next Thursday evening at the Y. M. C. A. rooms 652 W. Walnut St.

Editor Wade H. Carter of the Lexington Standard spent Thanksgiving Day in the city.

Rev. H. W. Jones and wife of Owenton Ky. were in the city this week returning from a visit to Knoxville Tenn.

Mr. Lee Mitchell of Indianapolis Ind. is in the city visiting friends.

Mr. and Mrs. Silas Rhodes left last Saturday morning for Dayton, Ohio, where they will make their future home.

Dr. Arthur Hodges of Henderson Ky. is in the city.

Mrs. Evaline Morton who has been in California for some time is in the city, having been called home on account of the illness of her son Dr. A. C. Morton.

Mr. Ben Hayden has come up from Evansville to spend a few weeks with friends and relatives in the city.

Mrs. Marie B. Shields of Danville, Ky. was in the city this week returning home from a visit to Indianapolis.

The ordinance of the Lord's Supper will be administered at the Emmanuel Baptist Church next Sunday afternoon.

At the Mothers Meeting a Knox Presbyterian Church last Friday afternoon Miss Martha Hardin furnished an excellent recitation. Mr. Geo. W. Talbott a Bass Solo, Misses Essie B. Dortch and Arena T. Brown, Piano Solo, Miss Crozier read a paper on "Thanksgiving." Fifty-seven Mothers were present, being the last Friday in the month a lunch was served.

## SCHOOL NOTES.

The Kindergarten Classes of the Main St. and Western Schools will give a Joint Song Recital at Odd Fellows' Hall, Wednesday Eve. Dec 16th, for the benefit of the Training Class.

Miss Hallie Q. Jones of Main St. school and Miss Myrtle C. Nunn of the Western School were detained at home this week.

The pupils of the High School will give a Concert at Music Hall Tuesday Evening Dec. 22nd for the purpose of raising funds to beautify and adorn the rooms of the building.

The Teachers Institute held a very interesting session at Central School last Saturday morning. President A. E. Meyzeek presided and all numbers on the programme were rendered. The address on "Opportunities" by Rev. J. K. Smith was the feature of the meeting. An original poem "Emigration" by Miss G. G. Moore, a paper "The Imperative Duty" by Principal W. H. Perry and the Musical selections by Misses Montjoy and Ashford were much enjoyed.

## The Scottsville Revival. Eighteen Converts.

The church here asked Rev. W. C. Allen of Franklin, Ky., to come and preach in our revival meeting; and the night of the 11th of Nov. found the invited minister in the stand with a serious, earnest look on his face and he preached a sermon that put the whole church to thinking. For ten nights he preached with the spirit and power of the Holy Ghost. Eighteen were converted, three reclaimed, and one united with the church by watch-care.

The meeting was noted for the deep ritual interest manifested

by the whole church. All joined in saying that the sermon preached by the quiet, unassuming Moderator of the Union District Association was the best. He stood in the pulpit and said "I shall carry out the commission of the Master and lift up Jesus who said 'And I, if I be lifted up will draw all men unto me.'"

It was something wonderful to see stout hearted sinners come from the rear of the church and fall down crying for mercy while the pastor proclaimed Jesus as the Saviour of the world from the sacred stand. He has certainly a firm hold on the hearts of this people.

About 60 of the best white people of the city came to hear the last sermon on Friday night. They say the Negro baptists have the ablest and most eloquent preacher in Scottsville. Baptizing third Sunday in December.

F. J. BUFORD, Clerk.

## The Clark County M. and D.

## Meeting.

This body met last Monday in the Broadway Baptist Church at 3 p. m. Rev. J. Francis Wilson was chosen moderator. Revs. J. Brockman and H. C. Baker conducted devotional exercises. Members present:—Revs. Baker, Wilson, Brockman, Henderson, Toliver, Bigbee.

Deacons:—M. M. Bell, M. Bates-Victors.—Rev. J. F. K. Moreland, M. D., of Lexington.

## REPORTS.

Broadway—S. S. 12, col. 31c; Rev. G. W. Benton preached, two additions, collection \$5.35.

First Church—S. S. 33, col. 58c; pastor preached, col. \$3.70.

Mt. Sterling, Every Green—S. S. 16, col. 17c; pastor preached \$3.75. Georgetown, Zion—Dr. J. F. K. Mooreland preached. The order of the day having arrived the speaker was that was appointed to preach a sermon for criticism, Rev. C. P. M. Bigbee, D. D. took the stand and announced for a text, Mat 3:5; sub. ject, "Baptism a righteous act." The sermon was passed as the sense of the meeting without criticism. Adjourned to meet at First Church at 7:30 p. m. next Monday.

J. Francis Wilson, Mod.

C. P. M. Bigbee, Sec.

## K. &amp; I. I. NOTES.

Mrs. William Cromwell, Miss Young and Mr. Arnold visited us Tuesday. Mr. Arnold favored us with a selection the music and words being his own composition.

A number of the students both ladies and gentlemen chaperoned by Miss Mary Fletcher agreeably surprised Prof. and Mrs. Cook Thanksgiving Day.

The dining-room of the dormitory was beautifully decorated and the students enjoyed an old fashioned Thanksgiving dinner.

Mrs. Annie V. Rannels of Winchester, visited her daughter at the dormitory Thanksgiving day.

Mr. Wm. Hardix spent Thanksgiving Day with his daughter.

Prof. and Mrs. Cook and Miss Willis dined at the dormitory on Thanksgiving Day.

Miss Martha E. Williams of the city is visiting Misses Crews and Trimble.

The game of foot-ball between the Lexington High School and the home team resulted in a victory for the Lexington boys, the score of 5 to 0.

Pres. and Mrs. Hathaway entertained the new members of the faculty and Miss Martha Williams Friday evening Nov. 27.

Miss Lettie Murphy of Shelbyville visited Miss Mary Cardwell at the dormitory Thanksgiving Day.

The regular Fall Term examinations will be held Monday Tuesday and Wednesday next week.

Miss Rebecca Smock and Mrs. Anderson visited on the hill last week.





